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450100-02572**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of the application are respectfully requested in view of the amendments and remarks herewith, which place the application into condition for allowance. The present amendment is being made to facilitate prosecution of the application. Changes to these claims, and the remarks that follow as presented herein, are not made for the purpose of patentability within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. §101, §102, §103, or §112. Rather, these changes and remarks are made simply for clarification and to round out the scope of protection to which Applicant is entitled.

I. STATUS OF THE CLAIMS AND FORMAL MATTERS

Claims 1-6 are pending in this application. Claims 1 and 4, which are independent, are hereby amended. No new matter is added by these amendments. Support for the amended recitations in the claims is found throughout the specification, particularly, on page 8, lines 11-17.

II. REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

Claims 1, 3, 4 and 6 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,663,748 to Huffman et al. (hereinafter, merely "Huffman") in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,384,815 to Huang (hereinafter, merely "Huang"). Claims 2 and 5 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly unpatentable over Huffman in view of Huang and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,885,012 to Hastings et al. (hereinafter, merely "Hastings").

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Claim 1, recites in part, "An electronic book display device, comprising...display control means for determining, based upon a single-step selection technique... said selection technique being defined according to a position specified by an area of characters of the display touched by a user" (Underlining and Bold added for emphasis.)

It is respectfully submitted that neither Huffman or Huang, taken alone or in combination teach or suggest the above-recited feature of claim 1. Indeed, Applicant submits that nothing in Huffman or Huang discloses or suggests that the area of the touch screen is an area of characters, as recited in claim 1.

Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that claim 1 is patentable.

For reasons similar to those described above, claim 4 is also believed to be patentable.

Claims 2, 3, 5 and 6 depend from one of claims 1 and 4 and, due to such dependency, are also believed to be patentable for at least the reasons previously described.

In the event that the Examiner disagrees with any of the foregoing comments concerning the disclosures in the cited prior art, it is requested that the Examiner indicate where in the reference, or references, there is the bases for a contrary view.

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